

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a service to distribute electronic content ~~via a data network to a plurality of addressees~~ via a data network, the method comprising the acts of:

identifying respective edge servers in said network that are in close proximity with
respective groups of addressees from among the plurality of addressees~~via which to~~
~~deliver the content to respective groups among the plurality of the addressees;~~

sending one copy of the electronic content to the identified respective edge
servers; and

enabling the identified respective edge servers to send individual copies of the
electronic content to individual ones of the addressees in the identified edge server's
respective group of addressees.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the enabling ~~to distribute act~~
further comprises the act of supplying a list of identifiers of the addressees of the
identified respective edge server's respective group to the identified respective edge
server.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic content comprises
an e-mail.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising wherein the sending act~~
further comprises sending a first portion of the electronic content to the respective
identified edge servers;

~~enabling the respective server to add a second portion to the first portion; and~~
~~enabling the respective server to send the first and second portions to the individual~~

~~addressees in the respective group.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing electronic content via a data network to a plurality of addressees, the method comprising the acts of:

identifying respective edge servers that are in close proximity to respective groups of addressees among the plurality of addresses via which to deliver the content to
~~respective groups among the plurality of the addressees;~~

sending one copy of the content to the ~~respective identified~~ respective edge
servers; and

enabling the identified respective edge servers to send individual copies of the
electronic content to individual ones of the addressees in the identified edge server's
respective group of addressees.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the enabling act to distribute
further comprises the act of supplying a list of identifiers of the addressees of the
identified edge server's respective group to the identified respective edge server.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the electronic content comprises
an e-mail.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising sending a first portion
of the electronic content to the identified respective edge servers; enabling the identified
respective edge servers to add a second portion to the first portion; and enabling the
identified respective edge servers to send the first and second portions to the individual
addressees in the respective groups of addressees.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A computer program product that includes a computer readable
medium having instructions stored thereon ~~Software for, upon receipt of a combination of~~
~~electronic content and a list of addressees,~~ generating individual copies of the electronic

content for individual ones of the addressees upon receipt of the electronic content
together with a list of addressees.

11. (New) The method of Claim 4, wherein the enabling act further comprises the acts of:
enabling the identified edge server to add a second portion of the
electronic content to the first portion of the electronic content; and
enabling the identified edge servers to send individual copies of the
electronic content to individual ones of the addressees in the respective groups.

12. (New) The method of Claim 2, wherein the supplied list of identifiers of the
addressees of the identified respective edge server's respective group are addressable via
the identified edge servers.

13. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein the supplied list of identifiers of the
addressees of the identified respective edge server's respective group are addressable via
the identified edge servers.